

## **Mary Jo Lynch Award for Library and Information Science (LIS) Students**

**Sponsors:** National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)  
National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS)  
American Library Association (ALA)  
Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) for public library data collection

**Purpose:** To encourage library school student statistical research using public library data collected at the state and national level.

**Eligibility:** Any student working toward a master's degree from a program of library and information science accredited by ALA.

**Criteria:** The winning entry must be:

- Sponsored by a faculty member of a library school
- Prepared as an article for submission for publication to a library journal (state, national, regional)
- Based on state or national FSCS public library data

The winning entry must possess two or more of the following:

- Clear concepts
- Potential effectiveness in promoting public libraries
- Effective presentation of the data
- Reasoned and meritorious use of data in describing or analyzing an issue

**Number:** One award may be made annually, or the Awards Committee may make no award.

**Timing:** This will be an annual competition, but eligibility for the first two years, 2005 and 2006, can be for any research paper completed after January 1, 2004. Beginning with the 2007 award, papers must be completed after January 1 of the year preceding the award. (e.g., the 2007 award will be for a paper completed after January 1, 2006).

The award will be announced at the FSCS Conference held annually in December.

**Submissions:** Candidates must email an electronic copy of the research paper no later than September 1 to:

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**Award Committee:**

The award jury will be composed of two members to be named by ALA from the Committee on Research and Statistics (CORS), two members to be named by NCES, two members to be named by NCLIS, and one member to be named by the chair of the FSCS Steering Committee.

**Form of Award:**

The winner will receive an engraved plaque and funding for attendance at either the ALA national conference or the PLA national conference. Winners may be asked to present a summary of the research paper findings.

Costs paid will include actual and necessary expenses of conference attendance, including registration, travel, food, and lodging. Payment will be according to federal travel reimbursement guidelines. (ALA will provide funding for registration and lodging. NCES will provide funding for all other allowable expenses.)

**Suggested Data Sources:**

**Library Research Service (sources of state data):**

[http://www.lrs.org/asp\\_public/other.asp](http://www.lrs.org/asp_public/other.asp)

**NCLIS (US Library Data Sources and Analysis):**

<http://www.nclis.gov/statsurv/NCES/index.html>

**NCES:** Publications: [http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/pub\\_public.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/pub_public.asp)

Data Files: <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/DataFiles.asp#Pub>

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